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In re Application of Jordan and Schoonmaker

Application No. 10/820.431

Application No. 10/820,431 Filed: April 7, 2004

Attorney Docket No. 4164-246

For: ELECTRONIC GAMING ACCOUNT

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: DECISION ACCORDING STATUS

: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed Monday, January 24, 2005. Petitioner obtained a five-month extension of time to reply; therefore, petition is filed timely.

The petition is granted.

Petitioner has shown that Rena M. Schoonmaker, the non-signing inventor, has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application after having been presented with the application papers. Specifically, the statement of facts of Alan T. McCollom establishes that the inventor was presented with the application papers, including the specification, claims and drawings, but failed to respond to the request that she sign the declaration.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status. As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the present petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This matter is being referred to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3211.

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